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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Daniel D. Abebe

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-9 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang et al. (6,505,162).

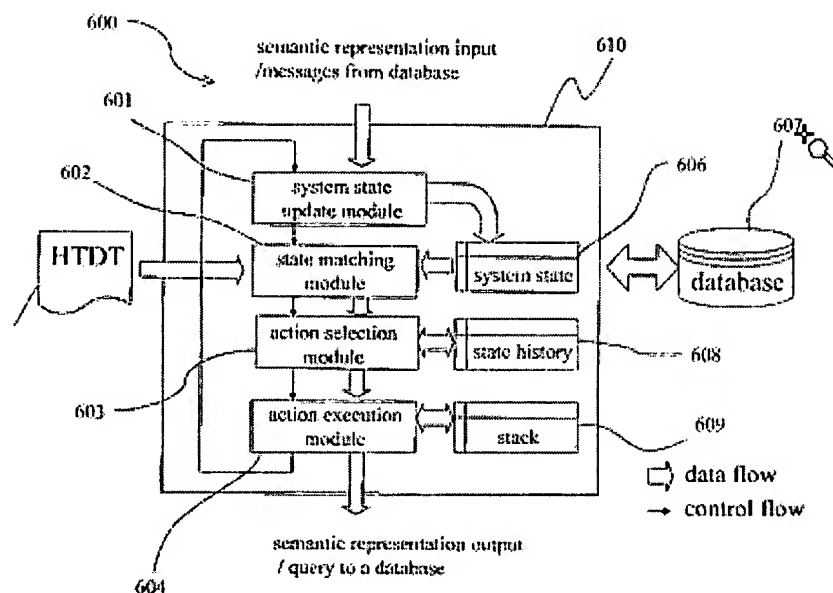
As to claim 1, Wang teaches a speech dialogue management system, comprising:

A dialogue state engine 600 for receiving speech and a model for selecting a dialogue state according to the speech and previous dialogue state;

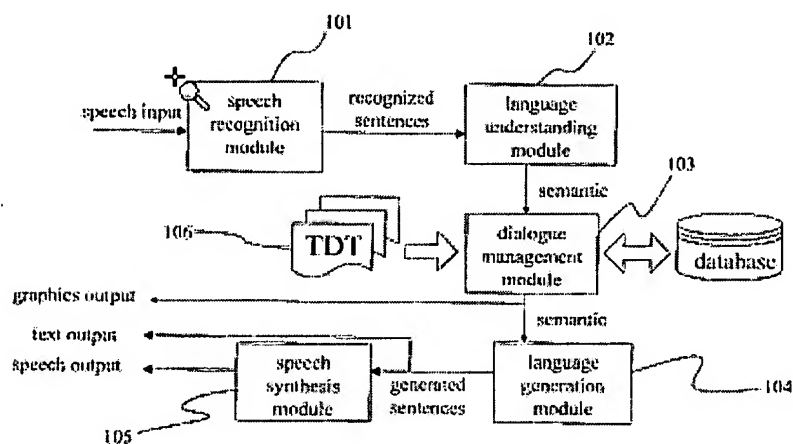
Action selection means for selecting one response action and

Action execution module (Fig.6)

“The dialogue states executed in the previous state 606 are stored in the state history 608 for the reference of selecting a response action.



As to claims 2-4, Wang teaches a model for determining a semantic representation where the semantic representation is used to select the dialogue state and a discourse engine to select semantic representation output (Fig.6).



As to claim 5, Wang teaches a database as well as analyzing users intentions (Fig.1).

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As to claim 7-8 Wang teaches selecting semantic output by the dialogue manager and knowledge base where the execution module consults the plurality of knowledge base prior to selecting the appropriate action (Fig.2).

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fratkina et al. (7,236,962).

As to claim 14, Fratkina teaches a web based dialogue state engine that receives user input that generate a markup input and rendering engine for presenting the result in markup language (abstract)

"The dialog engine of the present invention is defined by: 1.) The dialog engine creates the knowledge session through a plurality of input types. 2.) The dialog engine acts on these input types by interacting with a plurality of inference engines. 3.) The dialog engine refines the session via a plurality of interaction forms. The dialog engine may output sessions to search engines (or other applications) in the form of a markup language based representation (e.g., XML or HTML, etc.) of the knowledge session. Input Types: (Par.31)

Claim Objections

Claim 15 recites the limitation "the surface semantic" in 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang et al. in view of Fratkina et al.

As to claim 9, Wang doesn't explicitly teach the use of Markup language. Fratkina however teaches using markup language, and it would have been obvious to combine the two teaching for purpose serving user in web based applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-13 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the claims are allowed because Wang doesn't teach converting the markup language page into an output markup language page based on the current dialogue state and an available output user interface.

Claims 6 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

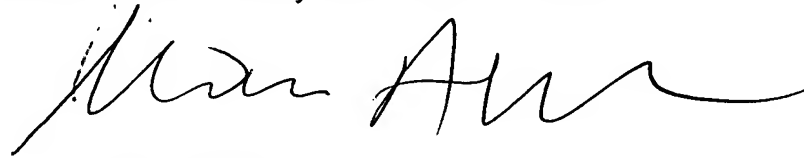
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel D. Abebe whose telephone number is 571-272-7615. The examiner can normally be reached on monday-friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Daniel Abebe Primary Examiner A.U. 2626

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Abebe', written in a cursive style.

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